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1. IN A MEETING MAY 11 WITH DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH I PICKED UP A FEW MORE TIDBITS ON DAOUD'S RECENT TEHRAN VISIT IN ADDITION TO THOSE CONTAINED IN REFTELS.

2. REGARDING PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS, ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAOUD AND THE SHAH HAD IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING TWO PRIVATE MEETINGS, IN WHICH THEY LARGELY EXCHANGED THEIR WELL KNOWN POSITIONS. ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAOUD STRESSED THAT AFGHANISTAN DOES NOT DESIRE TO BREAK-UP OF PAKISTAN BECAUSE THAT WOULD PLACE AFGHANISTAN GEOGRAPHICALLY BETWEEN TWO HUGE POWERS. REGARDING ANY POSSIBLE ROLE OF THE SHAH IN RESOLVING PAK-AFGHAN PROBLEMS. ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAOUD MERELY TOLD SHAH THAT HE, THE SHAH, FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM AND THAT HE, DAOUD, HAD NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE REGARDING A ROLE FOR THE SHAH.

3. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION OF THIS ASPECT OF DAOUD'S VISIT TO TEHRAN. ABDULLAH COMMENTED THAT IF BHUTTO RELEASES THE NUP LEADERS, THE PROCESS OF REAPPROCHEMENT
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BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN CAN BEGIN.

4. ABDULLAH SAID THERE WAS ALSO WEGOOD DEAL OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN DAOUD AND THE SHAH ON THE EFFECTS ON THIS REGION OF THE RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE SAID THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE RE-EVALUATING THE SITUATION IN THIS REGION. THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, IS, FOR EXAMPLE, KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE SMALL, IDEOLOGICAL LEFTIST GROUPS IN AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION HE SAID THE GOA IS CONCERNED ABOUT CHINESE ACTIVITY IN PAKISTAN AND A REPORT THAT THE CHINESE AND PAKISTANIS ARE CONSIDERING A DEFENSE TREATY.

COMMENT: THE FACT THAT ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE SOVIETS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT MAKES ME THINK THAT HE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM THE SOVIETS. END COMMENT.

IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE SHAH'S VIEWS ON THE REGION FOLLOWINGOUR PULL-OUT FROM INDOCHINA, ABDULLAH SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE SHAR WOULD AWAIT HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO REACHING ANY CONCLUSIONS.

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